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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Johnson et al. Group Art Unit: 2894

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEMS FOR SINGLE OR MULTI-PERIOD EDGE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 6, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including September 8, 2009 (for which September 6 was a Sunday and September 7 was a Federal holiday). A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.